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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 Relating to public safety; to establish a shark alert
4 system for Baldwin and Mobile Counties; to provide for the
5 development, implementation, and operation of the alert system
6 by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with
7 assistance of other agencies of the state and political
8 subdivisions.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be
11 cited as the LuLu Gribbin Shark Alert System Act.

12 (b) For the purposes of this section, the following
13 terms have the following meanings:

14 (1) ALERT SYSTEM. The shark alert system.

15 (2) BEACHES AND COASTAL AREAS. Beaches and shorelines
16 that face the Gulf of America or Pelican Bay.

17 (3) COMMISSIONER. The Commissioner of Conservation and
18 Natural Resources.

19 (4) DEPARTMENT. The Department of Conservation and
20 Natural Resources.

21 (5) FIRST RESPONDER. Lifeguards, rescue squad members,
22 emergency medical service providers, public safety
23 telecommunicators, municipal, county, and state law
24 enforcement officers, including enforcement officers of the
25 department, and any other emergency management provider who
26 responds to an emergency situation.

27 (6) WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERT. A text message, short
28 message service, or other data application broadcast from a



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cell tower to all compatible mobile wireless or phone devices that are turned on in a geographic area.

(c)(1) The shark alert system is established to serve the beaches and coastal areas in Baldwin and Mobile Counties.

(2) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall adopt rules to implement and administer this section, including establishing operating protocols for activating the alert system, in coordination with local emergency management organizations.

(3) In the development and implementation of the alert system, the commissioner shall receive upon request the full cooperation, including assistance, expertise, and information, of other departments and agencies of this state or political subdivisions thereof, including the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, local emergency management organizations, the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, the Office of Emergency Medical Services of the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama Gulf Emergency Medical Services System, and all first responder organizations that employ or use emergency medical services personnel licensed under Chapter 18, Title 22, Code of Alabama 1975, the Offices of Sheriff of Baldwin and Mobile Counties, and the municipalities with jurisdiction over beaches and coastal areas, including the police and other municipal departments that manage public beaches, parks, and piers.

(4) The commissioner may enter into agreements with any department or agency of this state or any political subdivision thereof, including those listed in subdivision



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57 (3), to provide necessary resources and support for the
58 implementation and operation of the alert system.

59 (d) The alert system shall be activated when the
60 department receives a confirmed report of an unprovoked shark
61 attacking an individual within close proximity to a shoreline
62 or coastline.

63 (e) No private cause of action may be maintained
64 against the department or any of the entities listed in
65 subdivision (c)(3) for failure to activate the shark alert
66 system.

67 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
68 1, 2025.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and
was passed by the House 17-Apr-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

01-May-25

Amended and Passed

House

Concurred in Senate
Amendment